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THREE KENTUCKY MURDERERS  
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HAD STABBED TWO BROTHERS TO  
DEATH IN A QUARREL.

One of the Victims Had Been Five  
Times on Trial for His Life—  
Kansas Farmer's Wife Does  
Murder—Other Crimes  
Reported.

Russellville, Ky., Dec. 18.—Swaying to and fro in the breeze a half mile south, hanging to a little cedar tree, are the bodies of Dink and Arch Proctor, and lying in the county jail here is the dead body of Will Proctor, half brother to Dink. At 2 o'clock this morning a mob visited the county jail, and after beating down the front door and forcing the jailer to give up the keys went to the cells of the Proctors. The oldest, Will Proctor, cursed the mob and was shot dead in his cell. The other two were taken out and hanged. The town has been full of people to-day and a constant stream of humanity flowed out to where the bodies of Dink and Arch Proctor, father and son, were found hanging to a little cedar tree this morning. Both were strangled to death. Beneath their feet, which were only about one foot from the ground, was what is called a "silver hat," and just a few feet away was a rope with a noose already prepared. This, it is thought, was prepared for Bill Proctor, who was shot in the back while crouching in a corner of his cell in the county jail. He called the mob all kinds of vile names and said: "I know my time has come."

The cause of the trouble was a double killing on the night of October 24, when Aaron and Dr. Crafton were stabbed in Adairville, twelve miles from this city. The party had been engaged in a game of cards and a difficulty arose. It was settled, as some thought, but at the midnight hour, when the Proctors were helping the Craftons off, carrying down to them, another quarrel arose and Aaron Crafton was stabbed to death and Dr. Crafton received what proved to be a fatal wound. The Proctors, a week ago, had their ex-acting trial, charged with the murder of Aaron Crafton, and Dink and Bill, half brothers, were acquitted and Arch held under bond for \$200. Their examining trial for the killing of Dr. Crafton was set for to-day, and it is supposed that the releasing of Dink and Arch on the former charge precipitated the trouble. Five times before his trial Proctor was tried for his life and each time he has been acquitted. It is said that he has been connected directly or indirectly with fifteen killings in this section. Bill Proctor has been regarded as the shrewdest criminal this country has ever known. No tears are being shed, as the Proctors have been the terror of the county for years.

## FOR AN OLD MURDER.

Arthur Platt, Who Killed Jesse Tyre,  
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rested in London.

London, Dec. 18.—Arthur Platt, who had been serving six months in Oxford jail, having been convicted of burglary, was arrested to-day as he was leaving that institution, charged with the murder of Jesse Tyre, at the Eastern lunatic asylum, Lexington, Ky., in December, 1885. The prisoner admitted his identity. He was charged with the crime at Bow street police court to-day. He did not say anything in his defense and later in the day was brought up in the extradition court before Magistrate Bridge. When Platt was asked if he had any question to put, he replied: "No, it is all perfectly straight." The prisoner was cool and collected in his manner, but had a sullen demeanor. He was remanded for a week. Mr. Hobson was present in behalf of the United States embassy and he was accompanied by an officer from Lexington, Ky., who will take the prisoner back to the United States when his extradition is granted. Platt refused to say where he had been since 1885, but the Scotland Yard detectives believe he has been in different jails during that time.

## NO FURTHER TROUBLE FEARED.

Matters Quieting Down at Perkins, O.  
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Guthrie, O. T., Dec. 18.—(Special.) Matters are quieting down at Perkins to-day, and no further trouble is apprehended as the result of the murder of Morrow and the fatal injury of his daughter. The coroner's jury is still in session, but if they have developed any clues they are keeping them very quiet. A bloody axe has been found with which the murderer operated and a pony found wandering in the woods is identified as the one a negro was seen riding toward the scene of the murder a short time before it was committed. But none of the witnesses can identify any of the negroes suspected as the one who rode the horse. The injured girl is still alive, moaning and crying constantly, but never conscious. Laughlin, the only negro suspect who has been held, is safe in the Stillwater jail. The sheriff of Payne, Lincoln and Logan counties, who have been present with posse all day, have had the scene of the murder surveyed and find the crime was committed in Lincoln county, not over six feet from the corner of the three counties.

## FEIGNING INSANITY.

Mike Strode Making Things Interest-  
ing for the Officials of Bour-  
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Fort Scott, Kas., Dec. 18.—(Special.) Mike Strode, the desperado captured Wednesday during the battle between the officers and the gang of outlaws, to-day made two desperate attempts to flee the county jail, and also attempted to seal some of the other prisoners with a pan of hot water. He is feigning insanity, although physicians who examined him to-day say he is all right mentally. He to-day wrote the following letter, which he demanded should be sent: "To Major McKinley: The weather is still here. So you are elected. I hear you want a tire thief. Apples is 15 cents a peck. Tell Senator Gorman you heard from me. One hundred acres of land. I have seven horse heels. Your schoolmate."

From letters found on him it is known he is from Kansas City.

## FOR THE MINDEN, MO. ROBBERY.

Two Men Arrested in Bourbon County,  
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Topeka, Dec. 18.—(Special.) The political inebriates in the Populist party have been alarmed already over the recognition shown the free silver Republicans by Governor-elect Leedy and an organized effort will be made to check the appointment of any more so-called "Republicans." The first step in that direction was taken to-day, when the names of all the free silver applicants for places under the incoming administration were obtained and comparisons made with the list of applicants for office under Governor Morrill two years ago. Strange as it may seem, those at work on the comparison found that all of the free silver Republicans now seeking office had either applied to the present governor for places or had been defeated for office in their counties within the past year. Governor-elect Leedy's attention will be called to this, and he will be implored by the Populists to ignore the balance of the silver applicants and dish out the offices to the members of his own party.

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OLNEY'S PROTEST OF NO AVAIL.

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZES THE IN-  
DEPENDENCE OF CUBA.

REPORT TO BE MADE MONDAY.

WILL NOT BE PRESSED UNTIL AFTER  
THE HOLIDAYS.

Little Doubt That the Resolution Will  
Be Adopted, and It May Carry  
Over a Veto-Spain Will  
Probably Retard It as  
a Casus Belli.

THE CAMERON RESOLUTION.  
Resolved, By the senate and house  
of representatives of United States  
of America, in congress assembled,  
that the independence of the republic  
of Cuba be, and the same is hereby,  
acknowledged by the United States  
of America.

Section 2. That the United States  
will use its friendly offices with the  
government of Spain to bring to a  
close the war between Spain and  
Cuba.

Washington, Dec. 18.—The meeting of the senate committee on foreign relations to-day was important in two respects. It resulted in an agreement to report the Cameron resolution for the recognition of Cuban independence, and it developed, through the statement of Secretary Olney, the administration's policy in regard to the insurrection in Cuba.

The secretary occupied the greater part of the time of the meeting answering questions and suggestions made by members of the committee. He and Senator Morgan engaged in several spirited colloquies. Mr. Olney made two points against the Cameron resolution, as follows: "First—That the Cuban insurgents have established no government."

"Second—That the right to recognize a new state rests with the president, independent of congressional action."

He contended, in explanation of the first point, that the pretended government of the island was without habitation. "Suppose you recognize the independence of the island," he said, "what are you going to do with it?"

"I, for one," said Senator Morgan, "while advocating this recognition, want it understood that I am opposed to annexation."

"How, then, would you maintain its independence?" asked the secretary, himself becoming interlocutor. "How would you, for instance, prevent Spanish domination over the island?"

"I would," replied the Alabama senator, "establish, if need be, a protectorate. I would follow much the same policy that we are pursuing with regard to Hawaii, and I would send an army of occupation to the island, if necessary, as we did in the case of Mexico."

The secretary made the impression upon some of the members of the committee, by